the region have High Power Transmitters for relay of DD-1 programmes. These capitals have Low Power Transmitters for DD-2 relay.

TV/AIR Package for NE

*326. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would announce a new package for the North-East to counter the propaganda war by neighbouring countries like China, Myanmar and Bangladesh;

(b) whether the new package would cover the television as well as radio network;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Government is already giving special attention the coverage of North-Eastern Region by AIR and DD. The AIR is implementing 18 projects in the North-Eastern Region under its Plan programme. DD is implementing projects for 9 transmitters and 2 transposers for DD-1 in the NER, under its Plan programme. These projects are aimed at increasing the coverage, strengthening the network and increasing utilization of local talent in programmes. A 24-hour NE channel is in operation. A sum of Rs. 4.2 crores has recently been released for software development. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to upgrade, enlarge and expand the package of programmes for the North-East for AIR and DD.

Posts Lying vacant in the Grade of Translators etc.

*327. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/ Assistants created in his Department and allied PSUs/Attached and Subordinate Offices for propogation of Hindi as Official Language and encouragement of Hindi correspondence;